

Research Foundation

American Society of
Colon & Rectal Surgeons



Career Development Award Expectations of Awardees

I. Expectations of Awardees

The purpose of the CDA is to provide young surgeons with the support necessary for the initiation and development of an academic career in colorectal surgery. As opposed to the LPG awards, the CDA focuses on career development and mentorship of the individual rather than solely on the research proposal. The award is intended for the academic investigator demonstrating significant creativity in research relevant to the pathophysiology or management of diseases of the colon, rectum, anus, or small bowel.

This represents a significant investment by the ASCRS Research Foundation. In return, CDA recipients are expected to:

- Submit funded research to ASCRS annual meeting for presentation
- Submit funded research to DC&R for consideration of publication (include a statement acknowledging that the work was funded by a Career Development Award through the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons in all published manuscripts pertaining to work outlined in the proposal.)
- Attend grant workshop sponsored by the Association for Academic Surgery (AAS)
- Provide a progress report nine (9) months after initiation of the award.
- Provide a research report within six (6) months of completion of the funding period.
- Ultimately become active members of ASCRS (serve on committee, journal reviewer, etc.)

II. Renewing a Career Development Award

All career development awards may be renewed for two years of total support. To be considered for a second year of funding, you must complete and submit a progress report nine (9) months after the award is funded. Approval of your renewal application is dependent upon availability of funds, evidence of significant progress on the research project, continued commitment to career development and the pursuit of additional funding.

Preparing Your Renewal Request

Your renewal package must include the following items:

- *Articles, Chapters and Abstracts* - Prepare a list of your articles, chapters and abstracts that have resulted from your project. Please separate abstracts, peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews, and presentations. Indicate “published, in press, submitted, or presented” for each item and enclose copies.
- *Interim Research Report* - Restate your original specific aims and summarize your results and conclusions thus far. Indicate any deviation you have made from the original research plan and justify these changes. Indicate the present and potential significance to the field of colon and rectal surgery. Indicate the expenditures you have made to date and how they relate to the project. Indicate any problems or delays that you have encountered; for example, problems in obtaining protected time to do research, slow patient accrual in the study, etc. Restate your project goals for the coming year. **Do not exceed two pages.**
- *Career Development Update* - Describe what other projects, academic pursuits, etc. resulted from receipt of the CDA during the funding period (other research projects, clinical trials, coursework, etc.).

III. Preparing a Final Report

Please send a final report within six (6) months of award completion including the following elements:

- Restate the specific aims/goals of your research plan and demonstrate the result toward each aim/goal. Include all supporting data.
- Indicate any deviations you have made from the original research plan and justify these changes. If you did not reach one or more of your initial goals, explain why.
- Indicate any problems or delays that you have encountered; for example, problems in obtaining protected time to do research, slow patient accrual in the study, etc.
- Prepare a list of your articles, chapters and abstracts that have resulted from your project. Please separate abstracts, peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews and presentations. Indicate “published, in press, submitted, or presented” for each item and enclose copies.
- Indicate if the result from your studies will be used as preliminary data in a grant application to another granting agency.
- Indicate the clinical significance and future clinical impact of the results of your study. Indicate if you received adequate institutional support.
- A one-page statement as to the significance of the support in terms of its contribution to the training of the applicant for a career in colon and rectal surgery, including future plans.
- A financial report must be submitted at the same time as the final report with a complete financial accounting of all ASCRS funds expended over the entire life of the project including a list of assets and any equipment purchased with these funds and any travel expenses associated with the award. Please indicate how the expenditures relate to the project.

Please submit Renewal requests and Final Reports to: rf@fascrs.org.